

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 483
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A RESOLUTION to express the sorrow of the General Assembly
at the death of our colleague Representative
Fred C. Atchley.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of our most trusted and valued colleague, Representative Fred C. Atchley; and

WHEREAS, Fred Atchley answered the call to public service eagerly and represented the good people of Sevier County with the utmost in acumen, integrity and industry as a member of the House of Representatives during the 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 82nd, 83rd, 84th and 85th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, Fred C. Atchley dedicated his life to service in the public interest, as a distinguished member of the House of Representatives and in numerous other capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to his first term in the General Assembly in 1948 and after serving his ninth term, he was affectionately known to his peers as the "Dean of the House"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Atchley contributed in a meaningful way to the steady improvement of the legislative process through his membership on the important Legislative Council Committee and on the Joint Legislative Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, the record of legislative accomplishment established by Representative Fred Atchley stands as an excellent example to all those who offer themselves for service in the legislative branch, an example that should be emulated but one that cannot soon be equaled; and

WHEREAS, because of his well-cultivated talents, compassion, humanity and probity, Representative Atchley held the respect and admiration of Democrats and his fellow Republicans alike; and

WHEREAS, during his renowned and honorable tenure in the House of Representatives, “Mr. Fred” used his leadership skills and his unflagging concern for the citizens of Tennessee to build a better, more independent General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the General Assembly, “Mr. Fred” provided his former colleagues with a non-partisan atmosphere for after-hours communication and fellowship as the proprietor of the Kremlin; and

WHEREAS, even before he became a leader in the legislature, Fred was a leader in his hometown of Sevierville as a member of the county court and as a supporter of numerous fraternal and civic organizations including the Masons, Elks, Lions, Shriners, and Optimists; and

WHEREAS, he was extremely involved in community affairs and served in numerous civic and charitable organizations, thus illustrating his commitment to his community and the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, because he served Tennessee so long and so faithfully it is right and proper that we who knew him best recognize the greatness of this humble public servant and pay homage to his memory; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of our colleague Representative Fred Atchley, reflecting fondly upon his indelible legacy of effective public service and his estimable career as a legislator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and extend our condolences to his family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

